

Remarks

This communication is considered fully responsive to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action"). Claims 8-27 were examined and stand rejected. Claims 8 and 14 are amended. No claims are cancelled. No new claims are added. Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 8-27 are respectfully requested.

General Comments

The Office Action states in paragraph 2 that claims 8 and 14 are pending independent claims. However, claims 8, 14, and 21 are independent. Applicant believes this is a typographical error.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 112

The Office Action rejected claims 8-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 14 and suggested the phrase "with a plurality of different types of . . . devices" be amended to recite "between a plurality of different types of . . . devices."

Applicant has complied with the Examiner's suggestion by amending claims 8 and 14 in order to expedite a Notice of Allowance in this case.

All Remaining Claim Rejections

With regard to the remaining 102 and 103 claim rejections repeated in the Office Action, Applicant hereby incorporates by reference all of the arguments previously presented in the Request for Continued Examination with

Preliminary Amendment, filed on July 15, 2005. Applicant maintains that the claim recitations are not taught or suggested by the cited references for at least these reasons.

In addition, the Examiner supplemented the rejection of claims 8 and 14, stating that "Quentin teaches the device is configured for sending and receiving documents to or from a plurality of devices" and relying on col. 23, line 60 to col. 24, line 7 in Quentin to support this assertion. This citation states:

The satellite 224 includes not only a communication port 252 for communicating with the host computer subsystem 220, but also its own CPU 260, one to ten megabytes of RAM 262 for storing images and other data downloaded from the computer subsystem 220, ROM 264 for storing operating software, and a touch screen 266 for input and output communications with a user.

The first implementation of the satellite 224 uses a GridPad computer made by Grid Systems for the satellite because it is easily held in one hand and has all the basic capabilities needed for this application. Other "palmtop" computers such as the PTC-500 made by Sony could be used in other implementations of the invention.

Applicant cannot find any such teaching or suggestion in this citation. This passage simply explains that the satellite computer may its own CPU, memory, etc., and gives an example of such a device.

The Examiner also supplemented the rejection of claims 21-27, stating "Quentin does disclose a plurality of multimedia transmission devices" and relying on col. 24, lines 4-6 in Quentin to support this assertion. This citation states:

Other 'palmtop' computers such as the PTC-500 made by Sony could be used in other implementations of the invention.

Applicant cannot find any such teaching or suggestion in this citation. This passage simply explains that other types of satellite computers could be used.

The Examiner further supplemented the rejection of claims 21-27, stating "Quentin specifically discloses that information for each module is separated [for] each output module, in other words, the display, the speaker, etc." and relying on col. 5, lines 62-65 in Quentin to support this assertion. This citation states:

As will be explained in more detail below, the text and multimedia commands in each record are formatted so that the information for each output module can be easily identified and separated from the other information in the record.

Applicant cannot find any such teaching or suggestion in this citation. This passage simply explains that the text and multimedia commands are formatted for each output module and separated from other information.

The Examiner also supplemented the rejection of claim 26, stating that "Quentin teaches that the text is spoken at the same time the record is

displayed" and relying on col. 6, lines 20-24 in Quentin to support this assertion. This citation states:

The symbols @s . . . @ denote the beginning and end of an "s" command which denotes "Question Text", and the remainder of the command is a parameter string - explanatory text that will be spoken when this record is selected for output.

Applicant cannot find any such teaching or suggestion in this citation. This passage simply explains explanatory text is spoken when this record is selected.

With regard to claims 23 and 24, the Examiner states "Applicant alleges that the Examiner has not provided motivation for modifying Quentin to operate in 'tight quarters' to access an Internet site." The Examiner misunderstood Applicant's argument. Applicant clarifies the previous argument as follows:

There is no motivation to modify the computer subsystem or satellite station in Quentin (which is intended only to facilitate operations in "tight quarters") to access an Internet site (as positively recited in claim 23), to receive an email, an attachment to an email, and a computer readable data file from another multifunction device (as positively recited in claim 24), or to receive the multimedia presentation as a computer readable data file from an Internet site linked to by the multifunction device (as positively recited in claim 25).

For at least these reasons, claims 8-27 are believed to be allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8-27 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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